OUR TRANSPORTATION PUZZLE.

HEARINGS ON VARIOUS BILLS TO SOLVE DIFFICULTIES.

seate Cities Committee Listens to Arguments for the Grout Bill, Citizens' I nion Bill and the West Side Association's Measure-Mr. Grout Hurt.

ALBANY, March 10 .- Advocates of legislation to regulate New York city transportaion facilities and providing that the city shall d and operate all extensions of the Rapid Transit Road were before the Senate Committee this afternoon. Comptroller Great argued in favor of his Rapid Transit law amendment, enabling the Mayor to appoint a Rapid Transit Commission to take office next January and providing that contracts for the construction of the railway may be let separate from its equipment and its maintenance and operation. Mr Grout's bill eliminates the present provision of law which exempts rapid transit roads from taxation.

The second bill considered was that of Senator Elsberg which is backed by the Chizens' Union. Among other things it provides that contracts to construct rapid transit roads may be let in sections and it makes it possible for other than the present rapid transit contractors to bid upon additional lines of rapid transit which may be constructed. The bill also contains a provision for the separate letting of contracts for construction, equipment and operation. The third bill was Senator Russell's favored by the Committee of 100, representing the West Side Association and kindred organizations on the West Side. It provides for a local Board of Railroad mmissioners in New York city without interfering with the Rapid Transit Com-mission. The Mayor is to appoint a com-

mission. The Mayor is to appoint a commission of three members.

The Rev. J. P. Peters, E. B. Whitney, Charles O. Maas, James Lehmaier, J. A. Hedge and Henry V. H. Stapler, representing the Committee of 100, appeared for the Russell bill; and ex-Senator John Ford, Thomas A. Fulton, and F. C. Hun'ington egued in favor of the Citizens' Union bill. With the exception of Comptroller Grout, all who appeared before the Citize Committee, and William McCarroll, James T. Hoyte and S. B. Donnelly, representing the Brookyn Manufacturers' Association, had a talk earlier in the day with Gov. Odell in an Manufacturers' Association, had a talk arlier in the day with Gov. Odell in avor of some legislation for the relief of lew York city. L. & Mayor Low, Gov. odell told them while he did not wish to avor any special measure he thought lew York city should have home rule upon his question and he would give careful. this question and he would give careful consideration to any measure that might pass the Legislature and would not inter-fere with the powers of the State Railroad

All who appeared at the Senate Cities Committee hearing united in condemning the city authorities who made possible the present situation in New York city con-cerning the construction of Rapid Transit roads, and pointed out that municipal construction and operation was a vital question which must be met now. They severely criticised the Belmont-McDonald Rapid Transit Railroad syndicate and referred to the statement made by Edward M. Shepard, counsel for the Rapid Transit Commission, that this syndicate had in

Commission, that this syndicate had in sight profits of \$30,000,000.

In his remarks ex-Senator Ford announced that soon a bill will be introduced in the Legislature permitting the city to operate the Staten Island ferry. With his face somewhat battered especially

his nose, Comptroller Grout arrived in Albany appear before the Senate Cities Com to appear before the Senate Cities Committee this afternoon to advocate his Rapid Transit Commission bill. Last night, after attending a dinner, the Comptroller went to the Manhattan Hotel, to be near the Grand Central Station in order to catch an early morning train for Albany. He was called, and in the darkness of the room and its approarate he explained by his and its strangeness, he explained, he hit his face forcibly against a door. But it did not prevent him from catching his train. Mr. Grout wants the Senate committee to report his bill authorizing Mayor Low to appoint a new Rapid Transit Commis-sion and providing for municipal control of the Rapid Transit road.

Mr. Grout explained to-day what his amendments to the Sinking Fund bill meant and the bill will be reported and the Senate vill concur in the Assembly amendments. tion is not at all concerned over the ques-tion of whose bill it is, but that question was solely raised by Gov. Odell, who did not care to give Comptroller Grout the credit

NEW MOVE AGAINST REGENTS. Elli to Deprive Them of All Supervision of Public Schools.

ALBANY March 10.-The bitter feeling which has arisen over the several propositions for a unification of the States' educational administration bids fair to result as in former years, in no legislation. The Regents' bill is designed to take

ever the State Department of Public Instruction and permits the Regents to appoint a superintendent of common schools. Supt. Skinner's bill, introduced by Senator Elon R. Brown, practically abolishes the present Board of Regents by providing for a State board of by the Legislature for terms of nine years, which board will name the superintendent of the common schools. It seems to be conceded that Gov. Odell favors the Regents this controversy, but both sides claim Senator Platt's support.

A new element in the fight made its appearance to-day. Senator W. L. Brown thep. Otsego) introduced a new unification bill prepared by the State Department of leader Instruction which leaves both the Regents and the State Department of Public Instruction intact and pursuing ir reparate lines of work with the excepthat Section 26, of Title 8, of the as addated School law, is repealed. This section of the statute which gives Regards any vestige of power over any the eclased. It provides as follows: Larry readence department shall be the visitation of the Regents, and inject in its course of education repertaining thereto, and to all - made in regard to academies

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LABOR'S WAR ON THE MILITIA. THREE MEN KILLED BY TRAIN. Hughes Bill Recommitted Because of

Opposition of the Unions ALBANY, March 10 .- The Hughes bill, imposing a penalty upon any employer or labor union discriminating against a member of the National Guard or the Naval Militia, has been advanced to a third reading in the Assembly and recommitted, and what will be done with the measure is still uncertain. It will be amended in a manner to try to meet the opposition of the labor unionists, but from what occurred in the Assembly to-day it is known that this will be almost impossible. The trade unionists say it is an insult to organized labor. "Big Bill" Devery's man, Richard H. Butler, sounded a warning to-day to the members of the Assembly while a discussion was being held on the bill. He said:

"I want the members of the Legislature to avoid any criticism from the laboring men. There is only one class of men the workingmen despise and that is a 'scab' and you all know what that is."

Major L. L. Davis, who represents Warren county in the Assembly, refuted the statements made that there had been no discrimination against National Guardsmen who were members of the labor organizations. He mentioned several cases. Assembly to-day it is known that this will

who were members of the labor organizations. He mentioned several cases.

Assemblyman Samuel J. Prince, who poses as the champion of the labor unions, opposed the bill. He decried the Seventh Regiment of New York and the Twentythird of Brooklyn, who he said refused to volunteer in the Spanish War. He offered an amendment which eliminates from the bill all reference to labor unions. Finally the bill all reference to labor unions. Finally it was agreed the bill should be advanced to a third reading and recommitted to the Codes Committee. The Republican leaders propose to press it for passage.

SHERIFF KAISER TO STAY. Gov. Odell Dismisses the Charges Against

the Erie County Official. ALBANY, March 10 .- Gov. Odell to-day dismissed the charges against Sheriff Harry M. Kaiser of Erie county, declaring that it did not appear that the Sheriff had entered into corrupt bargains to secure votes. The evident factional dissensions in the Democratic party, of which the Sheriff is a member, led the Governor, he says, to view the testimony with suspicion.

The charges were preferred against Kaiser by the Rev. O. P. Gifford, a Buffalo clergyman, who said that the Sheriff had promised political places in return for influence and votes during his canvass for election last fall. The Sheriff made a gen-eral denial.

eral denial.

The charges were instigated by Norman E. Mack of Buffalo, who is fighting the attempt of other Democrats in Eric county to get control of the organization. In a memorandum Gov. Odell says:

"While the testimony given at the hearing before me shows, to a greater or less expect, that in prosecution his campaign for

tent, that in prosecuting his campaign for Sheriff of Eric county at the late election the accused Sheriff indulged in statements which, to an ignorant mind, might be conwhich, to an ignorant mind, might be construed in the nature of a promise, yet it does not appear that he carried them to the extent of entering into such a corrupt bargain for the giving or withholding of votes as is contemplated by the statutes which have for their object the prevention of bribery at elections."

AID TO SEMI-PRIVATE SCHOOLS. Senator Elsberg Says His Bill Is Meant Really to Aid the Public Schools.

ALBANY, March 10.-Senator Elsberg said to-night that his bill amending the law extending financial aid to charitable, correctional and reformatory institutions, has not for its object the withdrawing of city support to semi-private schools. He said the bill was favored by the Mayor, the Board of Education and the Finance Department and was given to him to intro-

Department and was given to him to intro-duce by Assistant Corporation Counsel Charles 8. Whitman.

"The Charter," said Senator Elsberg,
"now specifically names the institutions
which shall receive city aid toward the edu-cation of their inmates. This bill pro-vides that no additional institutions shall receive such aid except upon applica-tion to and the approval of the Board of Education. Then, it is the intention of the Education. Then, it is the intention of the present administration not to allow the expenditure of moneys for private schools to interfere with the extension of the public school system, which the present adminis-tration intends to push as rapidly as

possible.

"Just so soon as a school building is pro-"Just so soon as a school building is provided near a private institution now receiving city aid, in which building there are accommodations for the inmates of such private institution, the city will cut off its aid for the education of the inmates in that institution, the idea being that the children in such institutions shall attend the nearby public school."

FRANCHISE TAX ARGUMENTS. Attorney-General Cunneen Puts the Cases on Next Monday's Calendar.

ALBANY, March 10 .- Attorney-General Cunneen said to-day that he had placed on the Court of Appeals calendar for the opening of the term, March 16, the special franchise tax cases, and that he was ready to argue them as soon as the court met Mr. Cunneen said:

"The franchise tax cases are on the Court of Appeals calendar at the foot of the list education within the Regents to be elected of motion cases and probably would not by the Legislature for terms of nine years, be reached before Tuesday or Wednesday. March 17 or 18, but as we have to ask the court for extra time in which to argue them as under the court rules only a limited time is allowed for such arguments, we will time is allowed for such arguments, we will appear in the court at the opening on Monday next at 2 o'clock, and ask the court to set the cases down for argument at its earliest convenience, giving us at the same time extra time for argument. I have finished my brief, and Prof. C. A. Collin, who represents the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company in the present hitigation, called upon me to-day and stated that he understood the five corporations involved in stood the five corporations involved the appeal would all be represented their attorneys on Monday

> Tenement Law Amendments Introduced ALBANY, March 10 Senator Marshall (Rep., Brooklyn) and Assemblyman Agnew (Rep., New York) to-day introduced amend-ments to the Tenement House law which embody the views of the New York City Tenement House Commissioner, Robert W. de Forest. The Commissioner will not permit any other amendments, and Gov Odeil is back of him in this stand

mberr Recurities to. Incorporated ALBERT, March 10 The Hankers' Be paration Company of New York was incor-parated to day to do a general investment injecture and to produce financial enter-prises. The capital in \$100,000 and the directors are Joseph P Latton of Bridg-ham Curtie, Massey Moines and Burton W Wilson of New York city and it I Letting well of Youkers eurstine Company of New York was incor

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FAST EXPRESS RAN THROUGH A CROWD OF LABORERS.

Tragedy Was at the Fiftieth Street Crossing. Philadelphia-Eight Iron Moulders Were in the Group That Was Struck -Confused by Network of Switches.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 10.-Three men instantly killed, one man severely injured and a number of others bruised and lacerated are the results of a fast passenger train striking a crowd of men at Fiftieth street crossing of the Philadelphia, Wi lmington and Baltimore Railroad to-night. Only meagre details could be obtained of the accident, and it is not at all certain that another dead body will not be found. Two bodies were recovered and taken to

Two bodies were recovered and taken to the morgue, but so far only the left arm of the third victim has been found.

George C. C. Cone of 3720 Long Shore street, who was badly injured, gave the name of one of the dead men as George Shickman of Baltimore, Md. Cone did not want to stay at the University Flospital, where he was taken, and was, therefore, locked up as a witness.

The scene of the accident was about half a square south of Gray's Ferry Bridge on the west bank of the Schuylkill River. There is a net work of tracks here and a myriad of switches, and it is to these switches that the men probably owe their death.

According to the statement which the police obtained from Cone, there were eight men in the party, all of whom were iron moulders.

on moulders.

The men were bound for Baltimore with the intention of eventually going to Spar-rows Point, to obtain employment at the steel works. About 8 o'clock a fast freight came along and the men decided to board it. Unperceived by any of the moulders an express was coming along on an adjoining track at a terrific speed. Owing to the rumbling of the freight even the near approach of the passenger train remained unnoticed until it was upon them.

TRAIN RUNS INTO A BLUFF. No One Seriously Hurt, but Chance Saved

All From Going Into the Missouri. St. Louis, Mo., March 10.-The fast eastbound Missouri Pacific train from Kansas City came near plunging into the Missouri River one mile west of Gasconade at 4 o'clock this morning. A rock weighing twenty tons fell from the forty-foot bluff during the night and crushed the inside

during the night and crushed the inside rail. The fact that it was the inside rail saved the train, as it swerved into the bluff and away from the river.

The engine and three cars were derailed and overturned as far as the bluff would permit. The engineer and fireman were not fatally injured. Passengers were hurled out of their berths or shaken from their seats, but not seriously injured.

KILLED IN CAR VESTIBULE. Passenger About to Alight When His Train Ran Into Another.

RICHMOND, Va., March 10 .- A head-on collision between two passenger trains occurred in the yard of the Southern Railway, near Danville, to-day. Joseph E. McArthur of Gaffney, S. C., a travelling man, and W. E. Neal, a railroad employee, were killed. McArthur was standing in the vestibule of the car ready to alight when the collision occurred. He was caught between the corner posts and crushed to death.

Train Strikes a Hand Car; Two Killed. NEWBURGH, N. Y., March 10 .- Two men were killed and three injured to-night at Plum Point, between Cornwall and Newburgh on the West Shore Railroad. They were all section hands of the road and were on a hand car when the southbound New York train leaving here at 7:21 struck them. They were tossed up on the bank and the two killed outright. The injured

Killed at a Grade Crossing. BOSTON, March 10 .- Another grade cross-

ing accident which resulted in the death of a motorman occurred in Waltham this morning, when an inward bound express train from Concord struck the forward nd of an electric car of the Newton strect Railway Company. The accident hap-pened at the Moody street crossing of the Fitchburg division of the Boston and Maine

DEMOCRATS TO FIGHT ONEILL. Vote Against the Bill Reinstating the "Cowboy Cop."

ALBANY, March 10 - Last night the bill reinstating Edward F. Oneill, the cowboy cop, who was "broke," came up on third reading in the Senate and was being passed when Senator Grady discovered what the bill contained. While the roll was being called he asked that the bill be laid aside or the present and that the vote already iken be reconsidered. To-day Senator Grady announced that

To-day Senator Grady announced that the Democratic Senators would oppose the bill with the hope of defeating its pasage. He said: "Oneill was dismissed in a brutal and ungentlemanly way, but it would have made no difference in the result if he had been tried by a gentleman. We are not upholding Devery, but we believe the bill ought not to pass, because it establishes a precedent which may have serious disadvantages in the future."

VETOED BY GOV. ODELL nator Grady's Bill Regarding the Order of the Sacred Heart Disapproved.

ALBANY, March 10. - Gov. Odeli has vetoed Senator Grady's bill which sought to permit the Order of the Sacred Heart to extend

the Order of the Sacred Heart to extend its order to other States, the main object being to establish a convent in Washington. The Governor gives these reasons.

This bill practically allows an institution established under the laws of this State to go anywhere in the world and to do the same as it is authorized to do here, and to hold an unlimited amount of real or personal property which under the provisions of our State law is exempt from taxation. This extension of the power to take and hold property free of taxation is one which is opposed by the Comptroller's office, representing the fiscal interests of the State.

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Brown's bill probibiting the shooting of there is the spring and the bill cutting two works off the end of the open season for deer will be reported favorably in the figure to morrow benefit frown thinks both bills will pass

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Temple Prime Lett All to this Bister Bavenness, I. I. March to The will of Temple Prime of Harpington, was prooftermon. No ordering of valuation was filed. The will give all the estate to for solder the will give all the estate to for sold Prime, the tentator's sister, shoulded, it is believed to be worth 6 senses. It was thought that Mr. Prime would into annex it which be bad above great interest. Miss. Prime is maned as expensive.

HIS FIRST NAVY EXPERIENCE. FLOOD DANGER IS GROWING. Young Man of Substance Had to Compress

Five Trunks Into a Dunnage Bag. John J. McFarlin of Webster, N. Y., who recently decided to join the United States Navy, for the sake of experience, got his grist of that commodity on Monday. He is a Cornell graduate and his father is a man of some means in Webster. McFarin applied for enlistment as a petty officer and had no difficulty in passing the examinations. But when he went aboard the receiving ship in Brooklyn and inspected the hammock and the dunnage bag that represented his quarters he winced a little

In acknowledging it afterward, he said that it was not the difficulty of sleeping in a hammock or the compressing of wardrobe into small compass that impressed him, but his cheerful lack of comprehension when he left home of the conditions he was going to live under in the He came to this city with five trunks.

He very quietly arranged with the St. Denis Hotel, where he had been staying before actually being admitted to the navy, to send the trunks back to Webster. But he said that he wasn't in the least

bit sorry he had enlisted, and that he expected to return to civil life on land in three years very much better off for his naval experience

SOD TURNED FOR CITY COLLEGE. Ground Broken at the New Site on St. Nicholas Terrace.

Ground was broken yesterday afternoon for the erection of the main building of the group of five which will form the new quarters of the College of the City of New York on St. Nicholas Terrace between West 138th and 140th streets

The undergraduates, faculty and Board of Trustees went to the site accompanied by a brass band. Edward Lauterbach spoke briefly for the trustees, outlining the development of the college from its founding in 1848 to the present time. Now, he said, it is a distinctly free college, dedicated free education-a thoroughly cosmo-Everett P. Wheeler spoke on behalf of

the alumni.

Mr. Lauterbach drove a pickaxe into the ground and President Compton turned the sod, while everybody stood uncovered and the band played "America."

The site includes four blocks. The main building will be erected on the bluff facing St. Nicholas avenue. It will be semicircular in form, with a square, spired tower rising from the centre of the arc. The gymnasium will be in the rear of this building. The preparatory school building, having a large assembly hall, will be at the corner of 138th street and Convent avenue.

The buildings will cost more than \$3,000,

CHASE AFTER BOY'S ASSAILANT. Lively Run Through Downtown Streets by Crowd Going to Business.

John Crane, a fourteen-year-old office boy of 616 Sixth avenue, Brooklyn, was on his way to work yesterday morning when he happened to brush against four young men who were standing at Fulton street and Broadway. One of the men kicked the boy in the abdomen, knocking him unconscious.

Several passers-by saw the assault and started after the assailant, who, with his companions, ran down Fulton street. A yelling and constantly increasing crowd chased the four to the corner of Church and Dev streets where they were cap-tured by two policemen of the Oak street

The boy was able to appear in the Tombs police court as complainant against one of them, David Stark of 125 Madison street, who he said kicked him. Stark was held for assault and the others for disorderly conduct.

ONCE RICH, NOW HOMELESS. Pauper Says He Is W. Pitikin and Tells of a Hard-Hearted Brother.

Passaic, N. J., March 10 .- A man who said that he was William Pitikin of Poughkeepsie called at police headquarters last night and begged a night's lodging. His tale of hard luck so affected the desk officer that he allowed the man to sleep in a cell. contrary to orders. Pitikin said that

contrary to orders. Pitikin said that he at one time owned considerable property in Poughkeepsie and was connected with one of the Broadway, New York, banks.

"I have a brother in Poughkeepsie who is a stockholder in banks in that city, as well as in New York, and who is worth over \$150,000; but he would rather give to the heathen of China and Japan than to his own flesh and blood. He is a deacon in a church up there, and I suppose will let me go to a pauper's grave rather than give me go to a pauper's grave rather than give me anything," he said.

IS HE THE CHESTER HILL THIEF? Goods Found on Charles Fraster Identified by William W. Hart.

Charles Frasier, 24 years old, recently from New South Wales, who was arrested Monday morning in Brooklyn, is thought by the police of Mount Vernon to be re-

by the police of Mount Vernon to be responsible for the burglary of William W. Harts residence on Chester Hill.

Mr. Hart has been living for two weeks at the Collingwood on West Thirty-fifth street. His house in Mount Vernon was entered Sunday morning and \$100 worth of plate and bric-a-brac was efoien.

Mr. Hart was summoned yesterday to Police Headquarters in Brockiyn and he identified the articles which Frazier had with him when arrosted.

SCHMITTBERGER RAIDS. Visite Two Disorderly Houses in Acting Capt. Fuche's Precincts.

with him when arrested

Inspector Max Schmittherger and his staff of detectives raided two alleged disorderly houses in the East Fifth street precinct last night. One was in East Ninth street, the other in Second avenue. Six persons were arrested dustice Mayer issued the warrants on evidence secured by Schmittherger's men. The East Fifth street station is commanded by Acting taptain Frank Fuchs. Schmittherger didn't ack him to bein

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MISSISSIPPI NOW FEARS A GREAT, at the man in the Panama hat. He is INUNDATION.

Governor Thinks It Will Be as Serious as the One Six Years Ago-Alarming Reports Also Come From Memphis

JACKSON, Miss., March 10.-The flood situation is getting more and more serious day by day. Pearl River is once more rapidly rising. Reports from the Mississippi are of alarming nature, and there does not seem to be much doubt that there is going to be an overflow of great proportions. Gov. Longino is in constant communication with the members of the levee board of Clarksdale, and is convinced that the State is in for an inundation equal to that of 1897.

The Governor says: "It looks like it is going to be a survival of the fittest, so far as Mississippi levees are concerned. If our levees should prove stronger than those of Arkansas, then we may be spared an overflow, but if the Arkansas side should be

strongest then we will be inundated."

LINCOLN, Neb., March 10.—Ice gorges on the Platte the most severe in its history on the right the most severe in its instory placed an almost complete embargo on railroad traffic in eastern Nebraska today. Only the Burlington of the four trunk lines is open. On each of the others bridges are gone, carried away by masses of ice, before which the big iron structures were swept away like chaff.

Up to this evening six deaths by drowning have been reported. Most of the persons had unwittingly driven into the flood's tath flood's path.
While the loss will foot up half a million, reports to-night are that most of the ice is gone and danger is about over. Railroad traffic will not be fully resumed for

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 10.—Three-tenths All An inch rise in one hour was recorded oday, the gauge showing thirty-five feet, agineers are more than ever confirmed their fears of a record-breaking flood, he river here, according to the official The river here, according to the official figures at the office of the United States Engineers, is three and a quarter miles wide. Engineers, is three and a quarter miles wide, spreading to the westward as far as the St. Francis levee will allow. The big stream sweeps past the city now at the rate of eight feet a second. The stream is deep enough to float a navy, the channel here sounding over 120 feet.

The Georgia Lee arrived from Cairo to-day and her officers say that the water is two feet deep in the principal streets of Caruthersville, that the old levee is caving badly and that the people are moving out to the hills.

ing out to the hills.

Should the levee there break of course the rise here would be checked in a day or so, the great volume of water finding an outlet through the St. Francis valley and giver.

A feeling of security still prevails in the Yazoo Mississippi district, the only fear there being that levee cutters will make their appearance, and armed guards will be on patrol duty until the crisis is past.

GOV. MURPHY'S APPOINTMENTS. Practically a Clearing-Ends Bureau of Labor and Statistics.

TRENTON, N. J., March 10 .- Gov. Murphy ractically cleared up his appointments to-night, when he sent to the Senate a long list of nominations and announced a number of others not requiring confirmation.

Among the nominations sent to the Senate was that of United States District Attorney David O. Watkins as Commissioner of Banking and Insurance. John Swayze, private secretary to the Governor, is a candidate for the position of United States District Attorney and has the indorsement of the Governor and Republican leaders.

The Governor terminated the fight over the appointment of a chief of the Bureau of Labor and Statistics by naming Winton Garrison, president of the Board of Public Works of Newark. The Governor reappointed Major Edward Anderson as Supervisor of the State

Other appointments are as follows: Other appointments are as follows:
State Sewerage Commissioners, Charles
F. Harrington, William T. Hunt; Commissioners of Pilotage, John H. Dewar
Henry C. Gulick, Douglas Haley, Charles
B. Parsons, Daniel C. Chase, Mark Towns B. Parsons, Daniel C. Chase, Mark Townsend; State Board of Health, Henry W. Elmer, M. D., Bridgeton; New Jersey State Reformatory Managers, Charlton T. Lewis, Percy R. Pyne; State Oyster Commission, Jeremiah N. Ogden; Inspector of Steamboats, Charles Edwards; trustees of the Hoboken Industrial School, Edward Russ, William D. Forbes. Tuberculosis Commission, Dr. Elmer Barwis, Dr. W. C. Jones.

ARRESTS MAN HE LUNCHED WITH Detective O'Brien Lands R. B. Barrington

on a Charge of Forgery. Bradley Barrington, who has estate office in Nassau street and lives at 151 West Twenty-second street, was arraigned in the Tombs police court yesterday on a charge of forgery. The complainant was Paul F. Mottelay, who says he's an editor and who lives at 270 West 132d street. Mottelay alleges that on Aug. 18 last Barrington appeared before Hugh Paul Phelps, a notary public, and signed the name of Clark S. Gregory to a deed which he gave to Mottelay in exchange for \$1,000 worth of stock. Barrington pleaded not guilty and was paroled the custody of his counsel until to-

morrow.

Barrington appeared as complainant against a man in General Sessions yesterday morning and after the case had been disposed of vent to luncheon with Detective O'Brien of the District Attorney's office. When O Brign returned he got the warrant for the arrest of Barrington. "Just been to lunch with that man." said O'Brien as he went out to find him He arrested him later at his office and brought him to the Tombs police court

DEAD DALY DESTAL CO No Assets, Says Howth Exerything

James Do Lyon Howth was found at the office of the Daly Gold Lining Dental Company at 1145 Broadway yesterday He said that the company in question was dead and had been dead six months, and that another company under the name of the United Dontists' Company was being organized to take its place. The defunct concern, he said had left no assets of any hard tecensive whichever it had processed had passed over to the firm of Howels & Co. it virius of these acting as underwriters for the destail company. Howels also easilthat he was the proceeded of the Boographical Dictionary Company, which is now. Norsing Manuschipacts, and that he hotel a single-rity of its stance.

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LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

New Yorkers returning from Lakewood find no subject of conversation so interesting a guest of one of the largest hotels there and belongs to a family that has been known in this city for generations. And he never appears in the hotel without his Panama hat. He has it on in the morning when he comes down to breakfast and when he comes down to breaklast and when he disappears for the last time in the evenings the Panama hat is still on his head. Most of the men who sit about the corridors of the hotel are content to dispense with their hats. But the New Yorker clings to his Panama and parts from it reluctantly only when he enters the dining room. Its inappropriateness to snow and rain outside has never affected the fidelity of the wearer who has worm. to snow and rain outside has never affected the fidelity of the wearer who has worn the Panama without change since the 1st day of last October. One of the clerks in the hotel has petitioned the proprietor to relieve the strain on him by posting in the office the name of the gentleman in the Panama hat and the fact that nobody knows why he always wears the straw hat beyond the rumor that he is said to fear baldness from the electric light.

The vogue of the London tailor has declined during the past few years and there has been nothing like the increase of customers that might have been expected There is still business enough here to make it extremely profitable for a certain number of London tailors to send their representatives here twice a year. But the increase of business during the past five years has not been nearly so great as the increase during the same period preceding. Various causes have led to this decline. One of these is the fact that it is no longer considered so great an evidence of good dressing for a New Yorker to get his clothes from Poole, Davies or any of the other noted London tailors as it used to be. The English-made garments do not wear so well, especially in the matter of linings. It is no longer so easy to get them through without duty as it was a few years ago. In making and sewing, the English clothes are inferior to the work of the American tailors. The recent increase in duties makes them as high as the garments made here without the corresponding quality of workmanship. not been nearly so great as the increase workmanship.

The professional entertainer engaged to keep up the whoop-la has long been a recognized feature of the summer hotels But he or she, as the case may be, is a new, comer in metropolitan hotel life. The comer in metropolitan hotel life. The new family establishments uptown have recently begun to make use of these aids to sociability, however, and they are at work in three or four of these new places. There they organize the weekly hop, look after the charades and otherwise con-tribute to the gayety of life as effectively as they do in summer. as they do in summer.

A Wall Street broker came down with scarlet fever in the late fall and was quarantined in a private ward of one of the city hospitals. He had a telephone placed at his bedside, and over it transacted all the details of his business during his convalescence, when the danger of contagion is greatest. In less than four weeks, while still a prisoner in his room, he executed deals that netted him more than \$16,009.

Telephones are frequently placed at the disposal of quarantined patients, and over them, they not only direct the details of them they not only direct the details of their business, but talk at will with their friends in the outside world.

He had opened his newspaper to read Gen. Greene's letter to Inspector Brooks when a friend entered the car and greeted

him with "I say, Dusenbury, what do you propose to do with your son Harry when he leaves college?"
"Get him a job on the police force."
"On the police force?"
"Yes, then he won't know anything about gambling."

BAR AGAINST PERSONALTY TAX The Association Favors a New Court House Near the Present One.

The Bar Association met last night at its house, in West Forty-fourth street, and

and urges the passage of the bill providing THE KING AND FULLER SALE. assessed valuations. The bill requiring assessors to state the values of land separately from improvements is also approved Most of the report is devoted to the subject of taxation on personal property. Attention is called to the fact that less than 1 per cent of the people pay personal taxes and that at best the roll contains

nothing but guesses. In fact, says the committee: committee:

A man who has his fortune invested in taxable securities, who is without debts and who is assessed to the full extent of his liability, sees four courses open to him for the future; the can continue to give up 70 per cent, of his income to the city by paying his taxes; he can change his securities, he can remove his residence from the State, or he can take a false outh before the Tax commission or consity the committee adopts the language.

conalty the committee adopts the language of ex-State Comptroller Roberts: "The tax is unjust as between individuals. unjust as between communities and is impossible of even approximately just administration. Then why should it be continued.

The only way to rid this city of the abuses which are more foit here than elsewhere, says the committee, is the adoption of the bill for the apportionment of State taxes and for local option in taxation introduced by Senator Elsberg. The bill has been indorsed by the New York Chamber of Commerce.

Commerce.

The association also adopted a resolution authorizing the president to appoint a committee of five to prepare a bill providing the Mayor of a for the appointment by the Mayor of commission to erect a new county cour commission to erect a new county court house on a site in the immediate neighbor-hood of the present building Judge George C. Hoit of the United States Circuit Court of this district read a memorial of the late William Alien Butter

MALACHITE IN PENNSYLVANIA. Birb Find of the Mineral Which Legisgist Says Figures the Mussian Product.

YORK, Pa., March 10. Prospectors for

aerpentine have come upon a rich vein of

mainchite, six talles west of Delta The vein, which is apparently inex haustible, underlies a dozen or more farmtraversing them for a distance of five mile-Specimens of the malachite, which Acting State (inclugant H C Demaning exhibited In the city to-day, are beautifully striped and mottled with the green shades possible to make the and the self-ted time of capyrite which gives the famous futerian product its beautiful markings. It is the opinion of ted famousing that the Itelia mulachite squale in quality the Russian, and will in a measure, when mined displace its use in this country for otnamental purposes.

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FEARS PANIC IN SKYSCRAPER.

ARCHITECT POST TELLS HOW A DISASTER MAY OCCUR.

Thousands of Tenants, Scared by Smoke From Small Fire, May Rush to Elevators and Stairways Instead of Staying in Rooms, and Be Suffocated.

George B. Post, architect of the St. Paul Building and of the new Stock Exchange told the members of the Nineteenth Century Club last night at their meeting in the rooms of the Aldine Association that he was afraid some day there will be a frightful loss of life resulting from a fire in a skyscraper. Mr. Post was one of three speakers who had as their topic "Skyscrapers and Their Consequences." "I am asked frequently," said Mr. Post "if skyscrapers are safe and strong. Until

something happens to the steel of which they are constructed-and that won't happen in many a year-I would rather be in a skyscraper than in a modern dwelling in case of a slight earthquake or other such shock. "But I feel confident that some day there will be a terrible disaster in one of the tall buildings. A small fire will start in the

buildings. A small fire will start in the basement and will fill the building with smoke. Thousands of tenants will be in the rooms and few of them will shut their doors. They will try to rush down stairs or out by the elevators, which won't be able to carry the crowds, and many will be suffocated in the upper floors. I know that that is the dread of the Fire Department."

Mr. Post said that he and architects generally didn't approve of skyscrapers, but he thought that architects had done the best they could. He thought there should be a law limiting the height of such buildings and the construction of such structures as the Flatiron.

Reginald P. Bolton, a mechanical engineer enumerated a number of advantages which come from tall buildings, and said that they have added 180 acres of area to lower New York. He proposed that a commission

of five on taxation.

As to real estate taxes the report says unequal assessment is a "notorious evil," and unequal assessment is a "notorious evil," was also in favor of restricting them.

Receipts of the First Day \$10.552-Some

of the Buyers. At the first session of the sale of the late Clarence King's and the late William H. Fuller's art collections, which began at the American Art Galleries yesterday afternoon. the total receipts were \$10,552. Some of the best known people of the city who are to be seen from time to time at the galleries,

and a few from time to time at the galleries, and a few from out of town, were present, among them Thomas B. Clarke, Payne Whitney, Stanford White, Charles L. Freer of Detroit, William Churchill Oastler and John Harsen Rhoades.

A covered bowl of the Yung-cheng period made after a Yung-lo design, eight inches in diameter, sold for \$100, a Ch'ien-lung yase that was as light as eggshell porcevase that was as light as eggshell porce-lain, for \$145; a Haviland dinner set of 131 pieces, for \$200. A Worcester dinner set of 145 pieces, for \$325.

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A fine Ch'ien-lung vase, oviform, with apple-green glaze, and decorations of chrysanthemums and birds, nineteen inches tall, sold for \$185 to W. C. Oastler; a pair of decorated bottles which it would be difficult to match, of the Yung-cheng period, for \$850 to W. M. Laffan; an old Chinese cloisonné incense burner, for \$255 to J. H. Rhoades, and a Crown Derby dinner set of 148 pieces for \$600 to a Mr. Gibbins, as the announcement recorded

The Barye bronze, "Tiger Devouring Crosodile," sold for \$200. The highest price of the day was \$1,025 paid for a basicisef, "probably representing the adoration of the shepherds," from an ancient church. Two old Spanish coffers sold at \$475 each and a carved oak figure of a Bishop for \$320, the latter to Mr. Einstein.

The sale continues to-day and this The sale continues to-day and this evening

Rug Sair at Tuboldt Art Galleries.

An unusually large rug sale is in progress at the Toboldt Art Galleries in Liberty street the street which Mr. Silo often says rivals Fifth avenue as a great market for art products. The auction is declared by Mr. Tobolds to be the grandes: Oriental rup saie of the year, aithough the year is not yet three months old. Among the articles shown in the exhibition held in connection with the sale is a Perishan nin corpet which is to be shown at the Mr. Louis Expendition, the catalogue as ye, and that is intent is

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